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June 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Senator Scott's Letter on Student
Internationalism Project

Senator Scott has requested your thoughts on a proposal he received from two Swarthmore students. They are seeking White House support to establish a team of roving spokesmen for an active internationalist foreign policy to speak to student groups around the country this summer in a campaign to offset growing isolationist sentiment among American youth.

At Tab A is a draft letter in response to Senator Scott's letter to you of May 27 (Tab B). The draft letter offers encouragement of such a concept but suggests that the aims of the project would be better served if the students acted independently without the open support of the White House. It states, however, that if the students want to proceed with the idea on this basis, the White House would be willing to arrange briefings for them by the NSC staff on current foreign policy issues.

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Dear Hugh:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 27, and for sending along the very ^{thoughtful} ~~intriguing~~ proposal you received from two Swarthmore college students.

It is indeed gratifying to observe such constructive and innovative thinking on the part of these young men. ~~For far too long we have heard only a critical voice on American foreign policy emanating from the campuses.~~ Their proposal reflects a sensitivity to the concern many of us feel toward expressions of isolationist sentiment in many sectors of the country. Such a ~~stance~~ stance for the U. S. would be inconsistent with the realities of today's interdependent world and detrimental to this Administration's efforts to achieve a more peaceful international order.

Consequently, I would offer Mr. Bradley and Mr. Cohen every encouragement to proceed with their idea to bring a greater understanding of current foreign policy issues and premises to American students this summer. However, I do think the aims of such an endeavor would be better served if they acted as private citizens without the open support of the White House or Executive Branch. To do otherwise would run the risk of compromising their objectivity and undermining their effectiveness before potential critics.

At the same time, however, if the students decide to pursue the project independently this summer, I would be happy to arrange briefings for them by the NSC staff on current foreign policy issues and with White House staff members in touch with appropriate political audiences around the country.

In addition, although it is perhaps too late for this pending summer, I would suggest they contact one of the private associations or foundations in search of support for this very commendable proposal.

Sincerely,

Jack Marsh

HUGH SCOTT
PENNSYLVANIA

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 27, 1975

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jack:

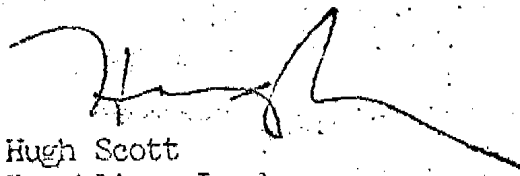
I am enclosing a letter and a memorandum from two thoughtful students on the subject of an internationalist foreign policy. Since there has not been much news media coverage devoted to anything of this nature, I thought you would like to see it.

More than this, however, I believe that this presents an excellent opportunity to spread the word that the United States does not intend to become "Fortress America." Please review this material and give me your thoughts.

I plan to invite the two students to Washington to have lunch with me, and I would like you to join us. Details will follow at a later date.

I look forward to any early response.

Sincerely,



Hugh Scott
Republican Leader

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Enclosures

Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

April 23, 1975

The Honorable
Hugh Scott
United States Senate
The Capitol
Washington D.C.

My dear Senator Scott:

A number of us at Swarthmore College and at nearby schools are very concerned about the sudden isolationist swing which is sweeping the college community. More and more faculty lectures, student papers and class discussions conclude that the United States no longer has a role to play in world leadership. The military, the C.I.A. and the multinational corporation, as might be expected, have long been discredited. But in recent weeks the State Department and even our humanitarian A.I.D. programs have been under attack.

This is a relatively new sentiment, qualitatively different from the anti-Viet Nam movement of four years ago. Our friends are not of the Viet Nam generation. Isolationist feelings extend far beyond South East Asia, to U.S. policy towards the Third World African states, our alliances in NATO, our corporate presence in Latin America and our armaments policies vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

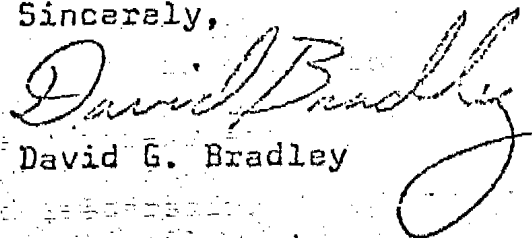
It is somewhat alarming that there is no voice for internationalism on campus. If there are, as we believe, rational and compelling arguments to be made for continued U.S. presence around the world, students should be exposed to them. I am enclosing a proposal that a few of us have designed to bring this case for internationalism to a large portion of the student community this summer. We would be especially interested in your help, both developing the idea, and presenting it to the proper people in the National Security Council, the White House and the State Department. Though we believe the idea is sound and very needed, it in turn needs the

We hope that you will find the proposal content educational rather than defensive. It is designed to cover those international activities of obvious benefit, upon which most reasonable men can agree.

Thank you very much for your interest, counsel and support. We appreciate the help your staff has so willingly given the college now and in the past.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,



David G. Bradley

enclosure

The Need: The United States student community is shifting dramatically towards a foreign policy stance of total isolationism. Every major institution of American internationalism, the State Department, AID, CIA, the military and the multinational corporation, is discredited. With recent international setbacks and CIA revelations this should not be surprising. No single voice on the college campus, faculty, popular media or student leadership, presents the case for continued U.S. world involvement.

The need is for this case to be made and for students to have the opportunity to hear the rational and compelling arguments which can be made in support of active internationalism. Isolationism has no corner on intellectual respectability in discussions of foreign policy, and it should not be presented as if it did.

Proposal: The White House, The National Security Council and The State Department together could offer this "voice" against wholesale isolationism through a small team of students speaking on behalf of our 35 year international tradition. During the important three month summer vacation, with young people off campus or with students taking reduced course loads, a well researched team could press the case for internationalism to several hundred thousand students. The mediums used should be:

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS
FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*
SUBJECT: Swarthmore Students Internationalism
Project Proposal

We had earlier received from Jack Marsh a letter from Senator Hugh Scott forwarding the proposal from the two Swarthmore students for a team of roving spokesmen for an internationalist foreign policy to student groups around the country this summer.

We have prepared the attached reply, and you may wish to take the same position if you are approached further by the students.

DRAFT

Dear Hugh:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 27, and for sending along the very intriguing proposal you received from two Swarthmore college students.

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Sincerely,

Jack Marsh

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: LES JANKA *for*
SUBJECT: Marsh Memo on Student "Internationalism"

In the letter at Tab B, Senator Scott requests Jack Marsh's views on a proposal submitted by two Swarthmore students. They are seeking White House support to establish a team of roving spokesmen for an active internationalist foreign policy to speak to student groups around the country this summer in a campaign to offset growing isolationist feelings among American youth.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Jack Marsh at Tab I transmitting a draft response to Senator Scott.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

THRU: JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: TED MARRS *by JMB*

Do you or does State have any interest in responding to these two bright and motivated young men.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THANKS
Andre'



Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

1 May 1975

Mr. Andre LeTendre
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Andre:

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I would like to stress that the two of us who wrote the actual draft, David Cohen and myself, have already been offered summer jobs on the Hill and in a

Washington law office. However, if there is any way to get this idea off the ground by the summer, we are prepared to do so. David Cohen is especially well equipped for this kind of work. He is the U.S. National Debate Champion of 1973. He currently holds the Pennsylvania State Championship. His total win/loss record is 336 wins to 45 losses. Needless to say his research and public speaking capabilities are exceptional. He is next year's editor-in-chief of the Swarthmore paper. I hope that my own public speaking experience while working at the White House, serving as student body Vice-President and organizing youth conferences and political campaigns has helped prepare me to do this work.

We do appreciate your help/counsel, Andre. I will call you later this week to discuss the proposal in more detail.

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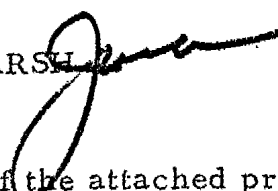
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ SECRETARY KISSINGER
BILL BAROODY
MAX FRIEDERSDORF
TED MARRS
BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

JACK MARSH 

I would appreciate your evaluation of the attached proposal concerning internationalism which was forwarded to me by Senator Hugh Scott who received it from some students at Swarthmore.

Many thanks.